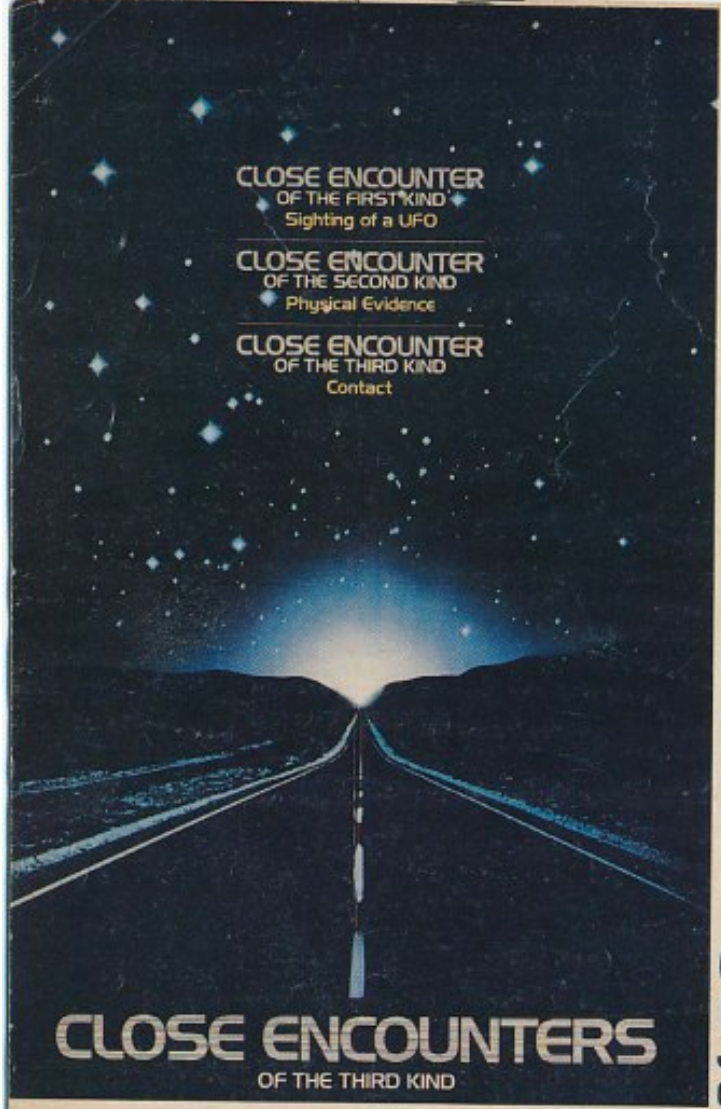

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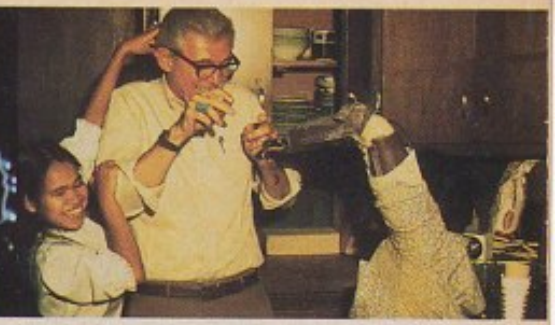

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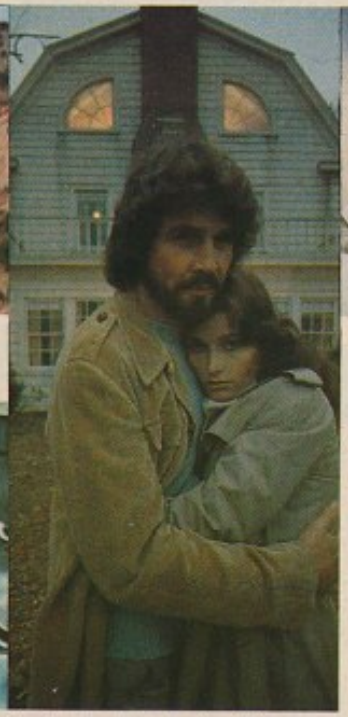

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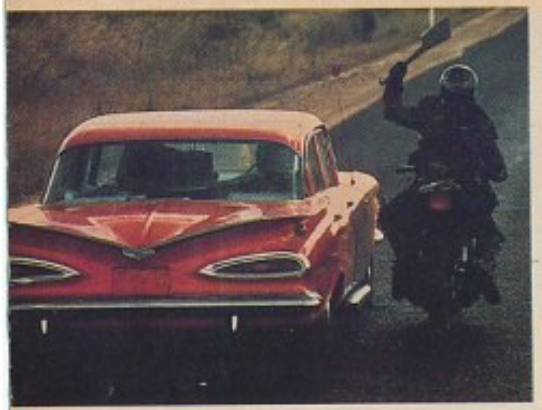


Mad Max

Mel Gibson is Max, a ruthless cop seeking revenge after marauding toughs assault his wife and child. Spectacular automobile stunts highlight this futuristic adventure. Only a police elite, operating rocket-speed cars, can protect the citizenry as cycle gangs take over the world. *Profanity, violence.* (R-1:29) **December 3,8,11,13,19**

Lost and Found

George Segal Glenda Jackson

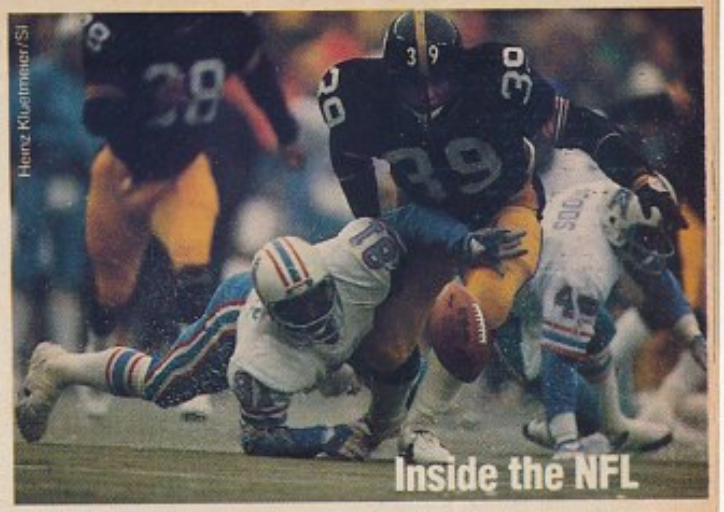
The popular duo from *A Touch of Class* match wits as mismatched newlyweds in this breezy romantic comedy. Oscar winner Glenda Jackson finds herself competing with memories of her mate's late wife. Prof George Segal has problems of his own on campus. *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:45) **December 1,4,9,13,17**

The Man with the Golden Gun

Agent 007 (Roger Moore) fights to save the world's energy supply. From London to Beirut it's attack and catch flak with the usual beauties and bad men. *Violence.* (PG-2:05) **December 2,8,22**

Rocky II

Sylvester Stallone and Talia Shire are back as Rocky gets another shot at the title. Burgess Meredith co-stars with the guy who wants "to go the distance." *Violence.* (PG-1:58) **December 1,7**



Heinz Kluetmeier/SI

On this show's "first down," hosts Len Dawson and Nick Buoniconti always have big gainers: films of the week's best plays. Expert commentary adds more yardage on second down. On third, they always move the ball well with special features and guests. But on fourth down—fearless predictions—even Len and Nick admit they'd sometimes be better off punting. **December 4,5; 11,12; 18,19; 25,26**

Monday December 1

5:00 ROCKY II
Picks up the story where *Rocky* left off (PG-1:58) p.5
7:00 LOST AND FOUND
Newlyweds match barbs in an adult comedy (PG-1:45) p.4
9:00 FLASHBACK: THE HINDENBURG—SHIP OF DOOM
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10:00 "... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"
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Tuesday December 2

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7:30 HERO AT LARGE
John Ritter (PG-1:37) p.7
9:30 GREATEST SPORTS RIVALRIES
USC vs. Notre Dame. p.7
10:00 HBO SNEAK PREVIEW FOR DECEMBER
Starring Stiller and Meara.
10:30 THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN
Kung fu antics (PG-2:05) p.5

Wednesday December 3

5:00 EL CID
Courtship, costumes and castles in Medieval Spain (2:55) p.15
8:00 MAD MAX
Cops battle motorcycle gangs in a violent vision of the world in the future (R-1:29) p.4
9:30 GOING IN STYLE
Three retired oldsters plan to expand their income by robbing a bank (PG-1:39) p.13
11:15 BIG BAD MAMA
Angie Dickinson is a wild pistol-packin' mama with William Shatner at her side (R-1:24) p.7

Thursday December 4

5:00 FLASHBACK
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6:00 GREATEST SPORTS RIVALRIES
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6:30 INSIDE THE NFL
Weekly pro football highlights with host Len Dawson. p.5
7:30 JUST YOU AND ME, KID
(PG-1:31) *Only play date.*
9:00 LOST AND FOUND
Battle of wits (PG-1:45) p.4
10:45 INSIDE THE NFL
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11:45 LOGAN'S RUN
(PG-1:55) *Only play date.*

Rich Little's "A Christmas Carol"

You'll find a multitude of "Riches" in this version of Charles Dickens's classic Christmas story. Scrooge is a lot like "W.C. Fields," and "Paul Lynde" and "Edith Bunker" are the Cratchits. But it's all "Little" in this one-man showcase by the top impressionist in the country. **December 2,5,11,14,24**

The Muppet Movie

The Muppets descend on Hollywood for their first movie epic. Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, Scooter, Gonzo and all the beloved Muppet characters survive a carload of adventures in a cross-country trek from the Georgia swamps to Tinseltown and stardom. Guests including Mel Brooks, Dom DeLuise, Bob Hope, Steve Martin and Richard Pryor add to the fun of this happy holiday treat. (G-1:31) **December 7,11,16,20,24,29**

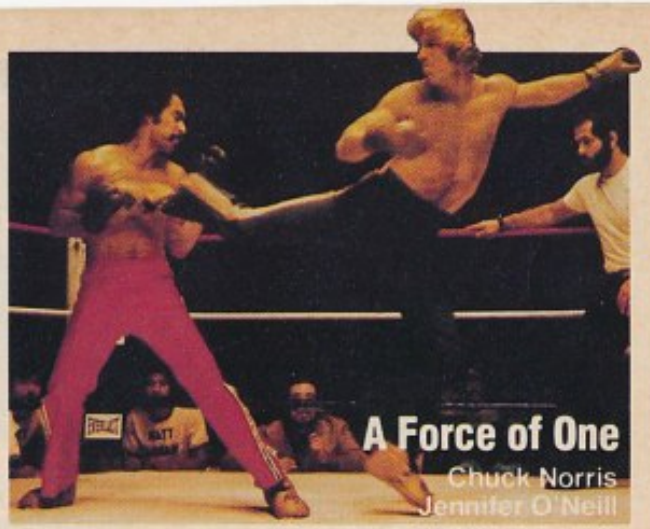
Big Bad Mama

Angie Dickinson tears up '30s Texas in this bank-robbing, lusty gangster saga about one mama that might know best. *Nudity, violence, strong language.* (R-1:24) **December 3,8,12**

Greatest Sports Rivalries:

USC vs. Notre Dame

Look back with Barry Tompkins and Paul Hornung at one of the most bitter gridiron rivalries ever. With interviews and action footage from the past to the present—top to bottom. **December 2,4**



A Force of One

Chuck Norris
Jennifer O'Neill

This unusual suspense thriller pits a martial arts champion against a vicious karate killer. Chuck Norris, six-time world titleholder, comes to the aid of a California narcotics squad when ace agents are methodically murdered. Co-star Jennifer O'Neill is an undercover cop. *Violence, profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:31) **December 5,9,14,17,22,27**

Friday December 5

4:30 HOLIDAY CIRCUS
Aerial stunt performers. p.9
5:30 HBO SNEAK PREVIEW FOR DECEMBER
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL p.5
7:00 A FORCE OF ONE
Karate action (PG-1:31) p.7
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9:30 RICH LITTLE
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10:30 "... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"
Courtroom drama (R-2:00) p.9
12:30 HBO SNEAK PREVIEW FOR DECEMBER
1:00 HBO Late Night: STEELYARD BLUES
Jane Fonda (PG-1:33) p.21

Saturday December 6

1:00 THE PRIZE FIGHTER
Comic boxers (PG-1:39) p.9
3:00 GOING IN STYLE
Three great stars try to rob a very big bank (PG-1:39) p.13
5:00 EVERY WHICH WAY BUT LOOSE
(PG-1:54) *Only play date.*
7:00 SUPERMAN THE MOVIE
(PG-2:22) *Only play date.*
9:30 "10"
(R-1:58) *Only play date.*
11:45 THE MAIN EVENT
(PG-1:50) *Only play date.*
1:45 BURLESQUE USA
Comedy, striptease, dance and music hosted by Red Buttons.

Sunday December 7

2:00 HERO AT LARGE
The average man meets Captain Avenger (PG-1:37) p.7
4:00 HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT
James Caan searches for family (PG-1:28) *Only play date.*
5:30 LINDA RONSTADT IN CONCERT
With "Mad Love" and "It's So Easy." *Only play date.*
7:00 THE MUPPET MOVIE
Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy go to Hollywood (G-1:34) p.6
9:00 ROCKY II
Return bout (PG-1:58) p.5
11:15 TIME AFTER TIME
Malcolm McDowell in a time chase (PG-1:52) *Only play date.*

Hero At Large

John Ritter

Everyone loves a hero. Even if he's faking it a little. John Ritter is an out-of-work actor who accidentally goes on a one-man crusade against crime—all the while dressed up as Captain Avenger! *Adult language.* (PG-1:37) **December 2,7,10,13,18**

On December 6 and 7, there will be more than just great movies on HBO. Stay tuned between shows for our special HBO Sellathon.

Patrick

Some people thought Patrick was crazy. He seemed to be deaf, dumb and blind. What they didn't know was that he had a sixth sense: psychokinetic power. He can move objects—with lethal results. Soon strange things begin happening in his private clinic. An award-winning horror-fantasy. *Adult language, violence, nudity.* (PG-1:32) **December 10,13,18,22,28**

Stepping Out

The DeBolts Grow Up

In a follow-up to the Oscar-winning documentary seen last month on HBO, we get a glimpse of the courageous DeBolt family five years later. Now the children are facing the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood. Join the DeBolts for Christmas at home in this inspiring story of family love. **December 9,12,17,21,25,29**

Billy Smart's Holiday Circus

A sawdust spectacle from the famed British family circus with trapeze artists, clowns and animal acts. Guests include trainer/comedian Carl Fischer, who makes the lion cage a fun place to be in. **December 5,11**

The Prize Fighter

When the mob wants a valuable piece of real estate, an unsuspecting duo finds a fortune. Tim Conway and Don Knotts play a nincompoop boxer and manager in this '30s comedy. *Profanity.* (PG-1:39) **December 2,6,11,15**

Speed skiing. Cliff jumping. Hang gliding. Sound risky? Not to these super-skilled sportsmen. At the 1980 World Speed Skiing Championships they'll attempt to break the unpowered land-speed record of 124 mph at Storm Peak, Colo. Then on to Hawaii for hang gliding in the world's toughest wind. Back in Canyon del Muerto, Ariz., jumpers free-fall from 1,000-foot cliffs. What makes them do it? Watch *Thrill Sports*—and learn why. **December 8,10,13,18**

Monday December 8

4:00 THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN
Spy spectacle with James Bond on the chase (PG-2:05) p.5
6:30 THRILL SPORTS!
With speed skiing, hang-gliding and cliff-jumping. p.9
7:30 EL CID
Sophia Loren in beautiful 11th-century Spain (2:55) p.15
10:30 BIG BAD MAMA
Bootlegging, bank robbing, lusty gangster saga (R-1:24) p.7
12:00 MAD MAX
Futuristic hot rodders terrorize atomic survivors (R-1:29) p.4

Tuesday December 9

4:30 LOST AND FOUND
Warning: Love can be hazardous to your health (PG-1:45) p.4
6:30 STEPPING OUT—THE DEBOLTS GROW UP
An exclusive HBO follow-up to the original Oscar winner. p.8
7:30 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Joyful, jubilant film version of the Broadway smash (G-2:59) p.21
10:30 A FORCE OF ONE
Karate champs: Chuck Norris, Bill Wallace (PG-1:31) p.7

Wednesday December 10

4:00 HERO AT LARGE
Captain who? (PG-1:37) p.7
6:00 FLASHBACK
The Hindenburg disaster. p.11
7:00 PATRICK
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8:30 "... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"
The story of one lawyer with principles (R-2:00) p.9
10:30 PARIS CABARET
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11:30 THRILL SPORTS!
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6:30 INSIDE THE NFL
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7:30 THE MUPPET MOVIE
Screen debut (G-1:31) p.6
9:00 THE PRIZE FIGHTER
Knockout comedy (PG-1:39) p.9
10:45 INSIDE THE NFL
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11:45 MAD MAX
A mile-a-minute, futuristic, car-colliding adventure (R-1:29) p.4

"... And Justice For All" Al Pacino

Lawyer Al Pacino is at his wit's end. The courts are irresponsible. Lawyers corrupt. Judges out of touch. In a performance that won Pacino an Oscar nomination, comedy and drama alternate as the very system he works within begins to crumble before his eyes. Jack Warden co-stars. *Profanity, adult situations, nudity.* (R-2:00) **December 1,5,10,13,16**

Photo by Martha Swope

Heigh-ho! Heigh-ho! Walt Disney's beloved cartoon comes to life onstage at the great Radio City Music Hall in a new musical version of the classic. Meet Snow White, Prince Charming, the wicked Queen and, of course, Doc, Happy, Sleepy, Grumpy, Dopey, Sneezy and Bashful. Join in on the delightful "Whistle While You Work," and all the famous tunes plus two new songs added for this lavish presentation. **December 14,18,20,24,30**

Friday December 12

5:00 THE DEBOLTS
Tribute to the human spirit. p.8
6:00 INSIDE THE NFL
Repeat of Thursday show. p.5
7:00 FRENCH POSTCARDS
American students in Paris learn of life and love (PG-1:31) p.11
8:30 HIGH SOCIETY
A comedy-romance with Cole Porter tunes (1:47) p.16
10:30 GOING IN STYLE
Tender comedy (PG-1:39) p.13
12:15 BIG BAD MAMA
When it comes to crime, Mama knows best (R-1:24) p.7
1:45 HBO Late Night: FIVE DAYS FROM HOME (PG-1:48) p.21

Saturday December 13

2:00 LOST AND FOUND
George Segal (PG-1:45) p.4
4:00 HERO AT LARGE
Charming comedy (PG-1:37) p.7
6:00 THRILL SPORTS!
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7:00 DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER
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2:00 RICH LITTLE
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3:00 FLASHBACK: THE HINDENBURG
Was it sabotage? p.11
4:00 EL CID
All-star cast (2:55) p.15
7:00 SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS LIVE ON STAGE
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11:30 A FORCE OF ONE
Karate champion comes to aid of narcotics cops (PG-1:31) p.7

French Postcards

The less three American college students study in Paris, the more they learn. Romantic dreams come true for each of them, but with a few twists. Meanwhile, French grown-ups Marie-France Pisier and Jean Rochefort have romantic ideas of their own. A gentle tale about coming of age. "Charming, delectable" *(Variety) Nudity, profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:31) **December 12,16,20,24,28**

***Flashback:* The Hindenburg Ship of Doom**

This unique HBO documentary uses both film footage and dramatic reenactment to create a haunting picture of the *Hindenburg*'s fateful voyage. **December 1,4,10,14,19**

Diamonds Are Forever

Sean Connery as James Bond

A diamond smuggling caper evolves into a plot for world domination in an adventure filled with great escapes and gimmicks. Sean Connery is the intrepid Agent 007, battling master criminal Blofeld. Co-star Jill St. John helps Bond relax between bouts with laser machines and exotic homicides. *Violence, adult situations.* (PG-1:59) **December 13,16,21,25**

Christmas on Ice

An ice-skating spectacular brimming with dazzling sets, costumes and special effects. Classic comedy routines and lavish numbers include "A Victorian Christmas" and the wonderfully hilarious "Chimps-on-Ice." A special holiday package for the whole family. **December 16,19,22,25,27**

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Reverent, artistic and stunning, this life of Christ from Nativity through Resurrection is one of the screen's great biblical epics. Charlton Heston, John Wayne and Max Von Sydow as Jesus, turn the Scriptures into moving drama. Nominated for five Oscars. (3:17) **December 15,21,25,30**

Going in Style

George Burns Art Carney

How are three tottering oldsters going to rob a bank? Well, step back as George Burns, Art Carney and Lee Strasberg step out to take a bank to the cleaners. Here's a comedy / drama about a very unusual way to spend those golden years. *Profanity.* (PG-1:39) **December 3,6,12,18,22,28**

Bad Day at Black Rock

Spencer Tracy Robert Ryan

One man, a stranger, stands up to a murderous conspiracy in a desert town brimming with ugly secrets. Spencer Tracy stars as the loner in this suspense classic. Robert Ryan is also there on that sweltering day in Black Rock. *Adult situations, violence.* (1:21) **December 17,21,26,30**

Monday December 15

5:00 HIGH SOCIETY
Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra sing and dance in the silver-screen classic (1:47) p.16
7:00 THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
Charlton Heston stars in the brilliant retelling of the biblical life of Christ (3:17) p.12
10:30 PARIS CABARET
Scintillating dancers, singers, stunt men and more. p.13
11:30 THE PRIZE FIGHTER
A comic duo are set up to be knocked out (PG-1:39) p.9

Tuesday December 16

5:00 THE MUPPET MOVIE
Miss Piggy practices her karate chops (G-1:31) p.6
6:30 CHRISTMAS ON ICE
Brilliant costumes, dazzling sets and "Chimps-On-Ice." p.12
7:30 FRENCH POSTCARDS
American students have a fling in Paris (PG-1:31) p.11
9:00 DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER
Sean Connery (PG-1:59) p.11
11:00 "... AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"
A sensitive, honest lawyer fights corruption (R-2:00) p.9

Wednesday December 17

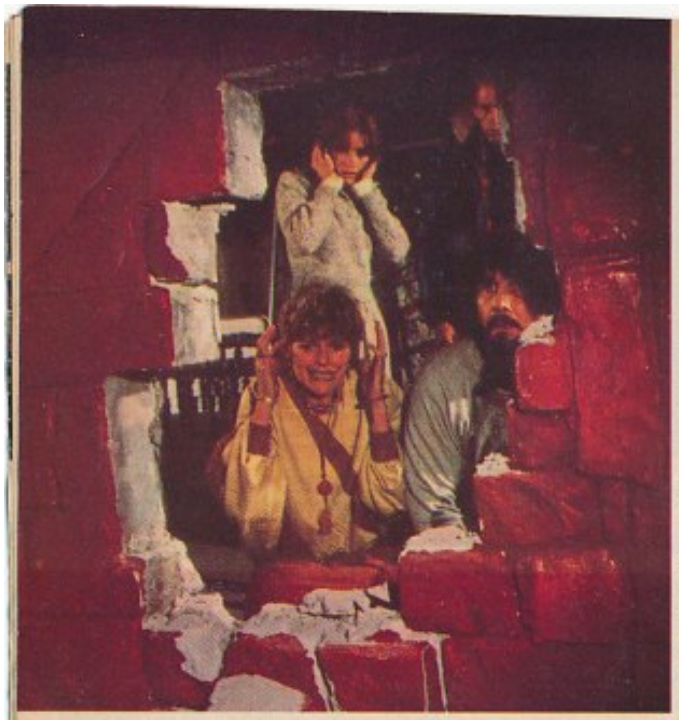
4:30 LOST AND FOUND
Comic newlyweds (PG-1:45) p.4
6:30 BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK
A stranger faces up to evil in a hostile desert town (1:21) p.13
8:00 WHO ARE THE DEBOLTS?
Oscar winner. *Only play date.*
9:00 STEPPING OUT—THE DEBOLTS GROW UP
Exclusive HBO follow-up. p.8
10:00 LOST AND FOUND
A star duo (PG-1:45) p. 4
11:45 A FORCE OF ONE
Chuck Norris (PG-1:31) p.7

Thursday December 18

4:00 PATRICK
Eerie shocker (PG-1:32) p.8
5:30 THRILL SPORTS!
Breathtaking stunt action. p.9
6:30 INSIDE THE NFL
Football action highlights. p.5
7:30 SNOW WHITE
With Happy, Sleepy, Grumpy, Dopey and Bashful. p.10
9:00 HERO AT LARGE
Charming comedy (PG-1:37) p.7
11:00 INSIDE THE NFL
See earlier listing. p.5
12:00 GOING IN STYLE
Retirees find interesting use of spare time (PG-1:39) p.13

Standing Room Only: Paris Cabaret

A dazzling extravaganza from Paradis Latin, the most scintillating nightspot in Paris today. Joel Grey (who sings his emcee number from *Cabaret*) hosts the sizzling action that combines bawdy burlesque, sophisticated striptease and provocative musical numbers. But *naturellement,* it's Paris! *Nudity, adult entertainment.* **December 5,10,15**

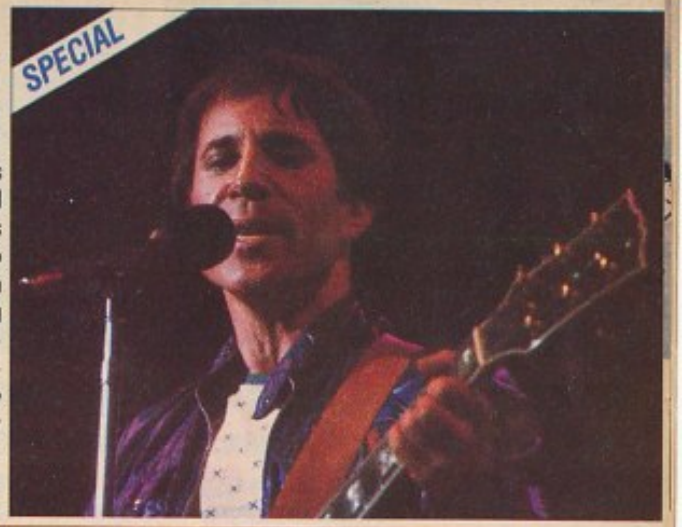


THE AMITYVILLE HORROR

James Brolin
Margot Kidder
Rod Steiger

That nice Colonial house in a peaceful Long Island setting seemed just what the Lutz family needed. But once they moved in, it became a house of horror. Based on the bestseller, this masterly exercise in fright stars James Brolin and Margot Kidder (*Superman*) as terrorized parents. Rod Steiger and Don Stroud are priests who try to help. *Profanity, violence, adult situations.* (R-1:53) **December 21,26,29**

Paul Simon In Concert



One of America's superstars in his 1980 concert tour. Paul Simon emerged from his years with Art Garfunkel to become a smash solo star in the '70s. Now he's winning new acclaim for his triple efforts (screenplay-star-music) for the movie *One Trick Pony.* Hear old and new favorites, from "Sound of Silence" to "Late in the Evening." **December 20,23,26,31**

El Cid

Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren co-star in this sprawling exhibition of kings and warriors in medieval Spain. Costumes, castles and crowds combine for an old-fashioned historical epic. *Violence.* (2:55) **December 3,8,14**

Friday December 19	Saturday December 20	Sunday December 21
5:00 CHRISTIMAS ON ICE Holiday ice extravaganza. p.12 **6:00 INSIDE THE NFL** Repeat of Thursday show. p.5 **7:00 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCEKINGS** Burt Reynolds cons his way across the South (PG-1:27) p.15 **8:30 TAKE DOWN** Sports comedy (PG-1:51) p.17 **10:30 MAD MAX** Violent chase (R-1:29) p.4 **12:00 FLASHBACK: THE HINDENBURG** Who was aboard? p.11 **1:00 HBO Late Night: NIGHTWING** Killer bats (PG-1:45) p.21	**2:30 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** Classic story (G-2:59) p.21 **5:30 SNOW WHITE** Timeless musical tale. p.10 **7:00 PAUL SIMON IN CONCERT** America's premiere singer, songwriter live onstage. p.15 **8:00 THE MUPPET MOVIE** Kermit's pals (G-1:31) p.6 **9:30 HIGH SOCIETY** Musical frolic (1:47) p.16 **11:30 FRENCH POSTCARDS** Parisian love (PG-1:31) p.11 **1:00 HBO Late Night: STEELYARD BLUES** Comedy scheme (PG-1:33) p.21	**1:00 THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD** Biblical epic (3:17) p.12 **4:30 STEPPING OUT—THE DEBOLTS GROW UP** Tribute to a family. p.8 **5:30 BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK** Suspense drama (1:21) p.13 **7:00 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR** Terror strikes an innocent Long Island family (R-1:53) p.14 **9:00 THE DEBOLTS** Inspirational, unique. p.8 **10:00 DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER** 007 gadgetry (PG-1:59) p.11

W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings

Burt Reynolds

He drives a '55 Olds hardtop, loves fried chicken, believes oil companies make too much money, and robs filling stations with a unique Robin Hood approach. Burt Reynolds plays the lovable con artist who uses a country-music band as an alibi and ends up trying to help them make it to big-time Nashville. With Art Carney. *Adult language.* (PG-1:27) **December 19,23,27,29**

Women's Gymnastics:

1980 U.S. Team Championships

HBO's exclusive coverage of gymnastics continues with one of the most elite women's competitions of the year. You'll see important gymnasts—many of them Olympic-class athletes—in daring and graceful events. Stars like Tracee Talavera will dazzle you. **December 22,27**

High Society Bing Crosby

Grace Kelly Frank Sinatra

Get the hilarious lowdown on the high life in this movie classic as "Der Bingle" and "Ole Blue Eyes" team with the not-yet-royal Grace. Cole Porter songs, including Oscar-nominated "True Love," turn the hijinks of *The Philadelphia Story* into a lively escapade. (1:47) **December 12,15,20,25**

HBO Sneak Preview for January Starring Stiller and Meara

What's to look forward to after the holidays? Plenty of movies, sports and specials on HBO in January, that's what. Tune in and let Jerry and Anne show-and-tell you all about the highlights with film clips and commentary. And they'll amuse you at the same time. **December 24,27,30**

The Water Babies

James Mason

This children's classic combines live action, animation and songs for some fine holiday fare. Young Tom, a chimney sweep wrongly accused of stealing, dives into a pool to escape. He soon encounters human types, all delightfully animated as underwater creatures. (1:26) **December 23,27**

Monday December 22

4:00 CHRISTMAS ON ICE
Family holiday special. p.12
5:00 A FORCE OF ONE
Martial arts (PG-1:31) p.7
6:30 WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
1980 U.S. Team Championships. Olympic-class athletes. p.16
7:30 PATRICK
Bizarre child (PG-1:32) p.8
9:00 GOING IN STYLE
Comic oldsters (PG-1:39) p.13
10:45 THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN
An assassin strikes with a golden bullet (PG-2:05) p.5

Tuesday December 23

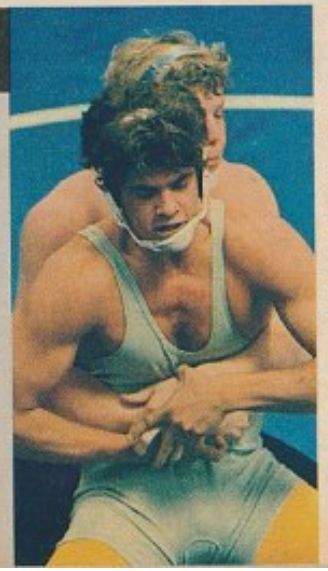
4:30 TAKE DOWN
Inept teenage wrestlers dream of greatness (PG-1:51) p.17
6:30 THE WATER BABIES
Innocence vs. evil in live action and animation (1:26) p.17
8:00 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCEKINGS
Burt Reynolds gets involved with a country band (PG-1:27) p.15
9:30 PAUL SIMON
Including his most recent hit, "One Trick Pony." p.15
10:30 YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE
Basic Bond with Sean Connery (PG-1:56) *Only play date.*

Wednesday December 24

4:30 FRENCH POSTCARDS
Young love (PG-1:31) p.11
6:00 RICH LITTLE
A collage of characters. p.5
7:00 SNOW WHITE
Heigh-Ho! Heigh-Ho! p.10
8:30 HBO SNEAK PREVIEW FOR JANUARY
Comedy, comments and clips with Stiller and Meara. p.17
9:00 THE MUPPET MOVIE
Richard Pryor (G-1:31) p.6
10:30 THUNDERBALL
007 in underwater adventure (PG-2:10) *Only play date.*
12:45 RICH LITTLE
"A Christmas Carol." p.5

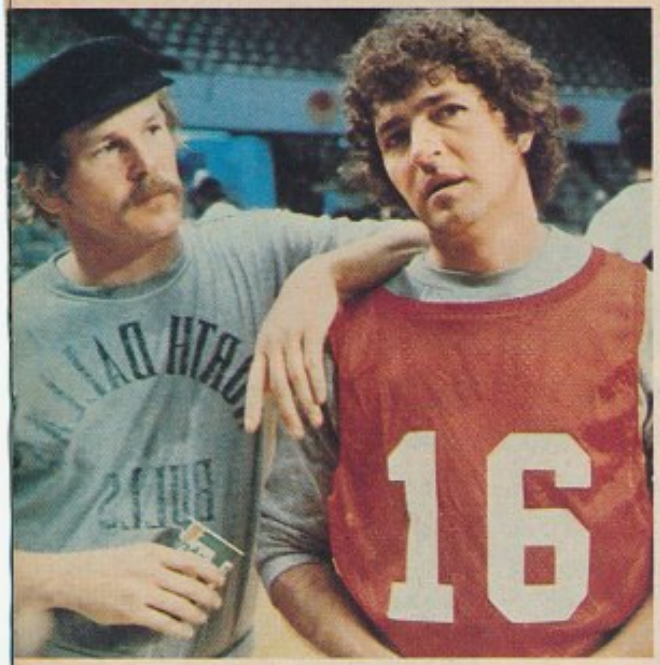
Thursday December 25

1:00 THE DEBOLTS
The story continues. p.8
2:00 THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
Christ's life (3:17) p.12
5:30 CHRISTMAS ON ICE
Glittering ice revue. p.12
6:30 INSIDE THE NFL
Week's action highlights. p.5
7:30 DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER
Sean Connery (PG-1:59) p.11
9:30 INSIDE THE NFL p.5
10:30 HIGH SOCIETY
Grace Kelly (1:47) p.16
12:30 HBO Late Night: FIVE DAYS FROM HOME (PG-1:48) p.21



Take Down

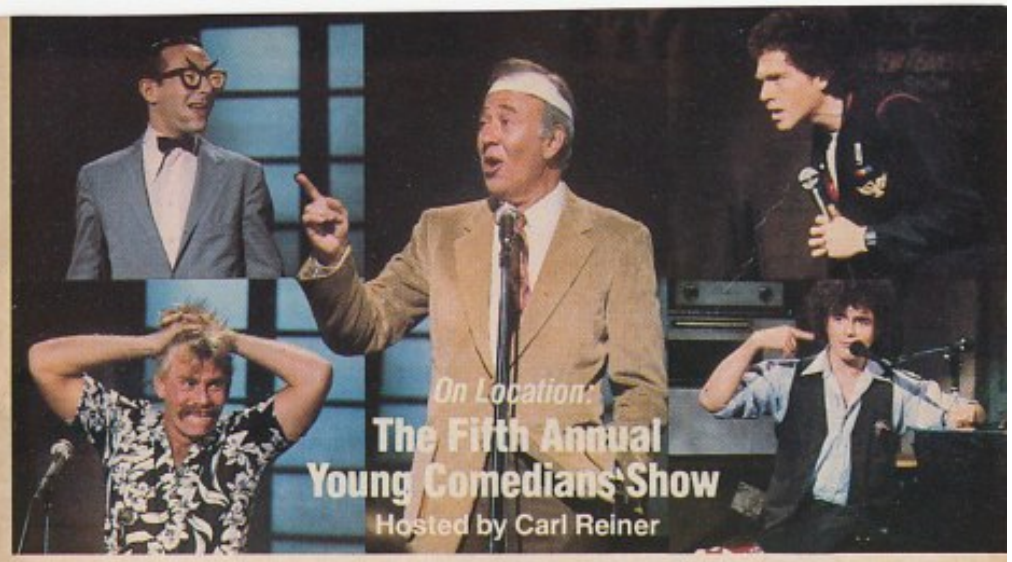
Action-filled sports comedy about inept high school wrestlers dreaming of greatness and living down an image as losers. Lorenzo Lamas stars as an athlete under the strain of family problems. Edward Herrmann plays a comical English teacher who coaches the mat team while dreaming of a big job at Harvard. Stephen Furst (*Animal House*) is a tuba-playing heavyweight. *Profanity.* (PG-1:51) **December 19,23,28,31**



North Dallas Forty

Nick Nolte
Mac Davis

Football is the backdrop for this brutally honest, adult comedy of one man's rebellion against the sport and the system. Nick Nolte, a wide receiver starting to decline, is the man forced to make moral choices in an immoral world. Singer Mac Davis is impressive as his pal, a roguish quarterback with a salty tongue. Plenty of gridiron action. "Fresh, funny and powerful" *(Newsweek) Profanity, adult situations, nudity.* (R-1:58) **December 28**



Once again HBO presents today's hottest young comedians, all hoping for stardom. (Robin Williams and Andy Kaufman appeared on earlier HBO shows.) Funnyman Carl Reiner presides over all the merriment of these comedians-on-the-rise at L.A.'s Comedy Store. Including Dale Gonyea, Pee Wee, Charles Fleischer, Tim Thomerson, Joe Nipote. Here's a chance to have fun and pick the star comics of tomorrow. **December 26,31**

Friday December 26

2:30 FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
"Sunrise, Sunset" (G-2:59) p.21
5:30 INSIDE THE NFL p.5
6:30 BAD DAY, BLACK ROCK (1:21) p.13
8:00 THE 5th ANNUAL YOUNG COMEDIANS
On Location. Future stars? p.19
9:30 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR (R-1:53) p.14
11:30 PAUL SIMON p.15
12:30 HBO Late Night: Candid CANDID CAMERA p.21
1:00 HBO Late Night: FIREPOWER
James Coburn (R-1:39) p.21

Saturday December 27

2:00 THE WATER BABIES
Animation tale (1:26) p.17
3:30 CHRISTMAS ON ICE
Dazzling and delightful. p.12
4:30 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCEKINGS
Con man caper (PG-1:27) p.15
6:00 GYMNASTICS p.16
7:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL
Comic couple (PG-1:51) p.19
9:00 A FORCE OF ONE
POW! (PG-1:31) p.7
10:30 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCEKINGS
12:00 SNEAK PREVIEW p.17
12:30 HBO Late Night: NIGHTWING
Flying horror (PG-1:45) p.21

Sunday December 28

1:30 FRENCH POSTCARDS
Young romance (PG-1:31) p.11
3:00 TAKE DOWN
Comic wrestlers with little talent and big dreams (PG-1:51) p.17
5:00 GOING IN STYLE
Rob a bank? (PG-1:39) p.13
7:00 NORTH DALLAS FORTY
Adult comedy of the pro football world (R-1:58) p.18
9:00 FRENCH POSTCARDS
Debra Winger (PG-1:31) p.11
10:30 PATRICK
Medical shocker with nurse and strange patient (PG-1:32) p.8

The Goodbye Girl

Richard Dreyfuss
Marsha Mason

Neil Simon's romantic comedy about caring will reaffirm your ideas of love and human relationships. Richard Dreyfuss, in his first romantic role, won an Oscar. He's a fresh-from-Chicago actor whose New York apartment comes complete with surprises—a resident mother and child (Marsha Mason and Quinn Cummings). *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:51) **December 27**

Greatest Sports Rivalries

New York Giants vs. Cleveland Browns

For years, Browns-Giants games were wars. HBO brings them back with vintage footage and exclusive interviews. Watch Jimmy Brown's power runs, Otto Graham's passes, Paul Warfield's catches. And then see Rosie Grier and Sam Huff, of the Giants, try to stop them—so Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote and Charlie Conerly can move the ball. To point out the caliber of talent: more than 30 stars went on to coach in the pros. **December 30**

Monday December 29

4:30 THE MUPPET MOVIE
The beloved characters' feature film debut (G-1:31) p.6
6:00 STEPPING OUT—THE DEBOLTS GROW UP
An incredible American family continues its work. p.8
7:00 BOARDWALK
Elderly Brooklyn couple threatened by youth gang (1:43) p.21
9:00 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
Horrifying house terrorizes its new owners (R-1:53) p.14
11:00 W.W. AND THE DIXIE DANCEKINGS
'50s south (PG-1:27) p.15

Tuesday December 30

4:30 SNOW WHITE
See Prince charming awaken lovely Snow White. p.10
6:00 HBO SNEAK PREVIEW FOR JANUARY
With Stiller and Meara. p.17
6:30 GREATEST SPORTS RIVALRIES
New York Giants vs. Cleveland Browns. Look back at a classic football shoot-out. p.20
7:00 THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD
Sprawling tale based on historic Biblical events (3:17) p.12
10:30 BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK
Suspense drama (1:21) p.13

Wednesday December 31

4:00 TAKE DOWN
Stephen Furst (PG-1:51) p.17
6:00 PAUL SIMON
With "Ace in the Hole." p.15
7:00 LITTLE BIG MAN
Life and times of a 121-year-old Indian survivor (PG-2:27) p.15
9:30 YOUNG COMEDIANS
Carl Reiner hosts. p.19
11:00 BEST OF On Location
Robin Williams, Steve Martin.
12:30 DOOBIE BROTHERS
Doing their platinum hits.
1:30 BURLESQUE USA
Saucy evening entertainment.
3:00 DAVID BRENNER
Top comic in top form.

Little Big Man

Dustin Hoffman Faye Dunaway

An uproarious adventure about a man who may or may not be the sole survivor of Custer's Last Stand. Dustin Hoffman brings to life the saga of Jack Crabb, buffeted by Cheyenne Indians and white settlers alike. Faye Dunaway co-stars. *Adult situations, violence.* (PG-2:27) December 31

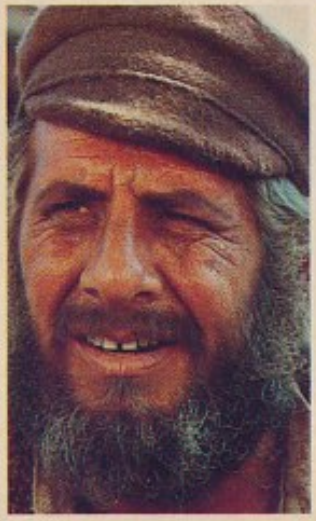
Boardwalk

Lee Strasberg Ruth Gordon

An elderly couple try to survive the dangers and barrenness of their decaying Brooklyn neighborhood in this engrossing drama. Ruth Gordon and Lee Strasberg are proud and "youthful" oldsters still very much in love. *Violence, profanity, adult situations.* (1:43) **December 29**

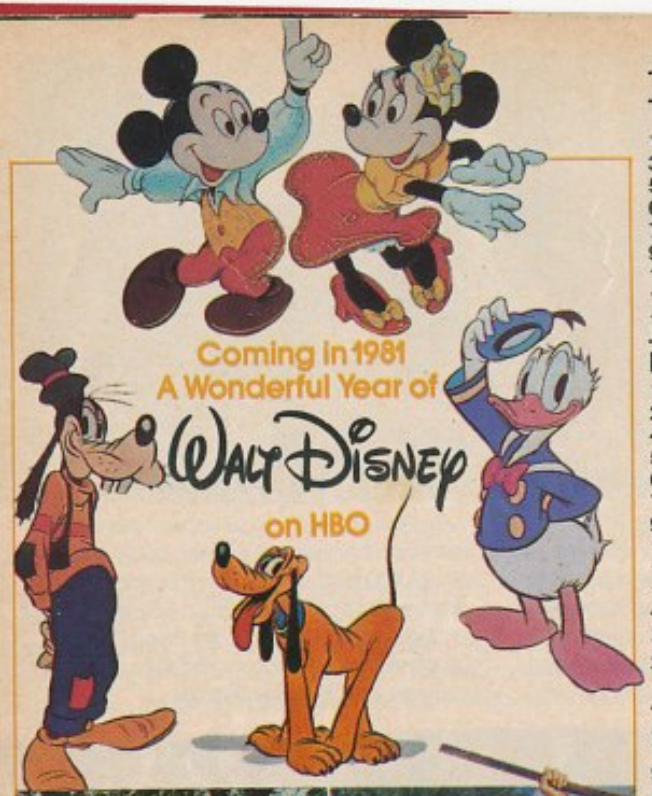
Fiddler on the Roof

This expanded film version of one of Broadway's most popular and beloved musicals is a delight for family viewing. Tevye, the milkman, trying to marry off his daughters amid tremendous social upheaval in old Russia, is truly an unforgettable screen character. All of the musical numbers from the stage production are intact. "Visually magnificent" (*Saturday Review*) (G-2:59) **December 9,14,20,26**



HBO LATE NIGHT

Steelyard Blues Jane Fonda hatches a crazy comedy scheme. (**Dec. 5,20**) *Five Days from Home* George Peppard puts his life on the line to reach his son. (**Dec. 12,25**) *Nightwing* A chiller about blood-eyed bats. (**Dec. 19,27**) *Firepower* Sophia Loren in an all-star thriller. (**Dec. 26**) *The Candid Candid Camera* The first edition of Allen Funt's no-holds-barred version of his famous show. (**Dec. 13,26**)



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Pete's Dragon

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Davy Crockett

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Sunday, 4

2:00 **GOODBYE GIRL** p.19
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5:00 **FLYING TRUNK** (1:27)
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